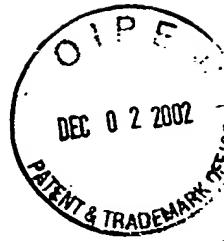


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FIRST RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is a First Response to the Final Office Action of October 2, 2002 which indicated claims 23, 24 and 26-31 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome various indefiniteness rejections under §112 and rejected the remaining claims under §103 in view of a combination of applied references. This First Response is being filed within two months